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Hi Y'all! Kyser For Prom



The Ole Professor himself — Kay Kyser . . .



With His Prize Student — Ginny Simms

COAST TO COAST BROADCAST, CBS

In conjunction with Kay Kyser's appearance at the 1940 Junior Promenade, radio station WCKY, through facilities of the Columbia Broadcasting System on a coast-to-coast hook-up, will present a broadcast the night of the Prom.

The program will start at twelve, midnight, and is to continue until 12:30 a. m. The program was arranged through Publicity Chairman William J. F. Roll, Jr., and Mr. Mendel Jones, program director of WCKY.

HOLD SENIOR BREAKFAST AT RATHSKELLER

The Senior Breakfast, which is to follow immediately after the Junior Promenade, will be held at the Gibson Rathskeller. Chairman John J. Bruder announced Wednesday.

Price of the tickets is \$1.20 a couple and the menu is to include a choice of fruit juices, choice of egg omelet or hot cakes, toast and coffee or sweet rolls and coffee.

Following the usual custom, all Prom-goers may attend the banquet, the chairman said, and the committee's promise is WARM food. Tickets can be secured from Bruder, or his assistants Melvin Tepe and John Sweeney during the coming week or the night of the dance.

SOPHOMORES TO SPONSOR BOW-TIE SOCIAL

Presenting their first entertainment of the year, the Class of 1942 invites the entire student body, and anyone else, to a novel Bow-Tie Dance to be held after the Marshall basketball game on Friday, January 19. The price is thirty-five cents, stag or with a companion.

The feature of the dance, which will last from 10:00 until 12:00, will be that each student attending must either wear a bow-tie or pay a forfeit at the door.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Speaking as the organ for the student voice, The News wishes to extend hearty congratulations to Junior Promenade Chairman Robert S. Koch, and his committee of Paul F. Siegel, and Charles F. Gaskill for the contracting of Kay Kyser for the affair, which can aptly be styled the "Dance of A Century."

DATE MOVED TO ACCOMMODATE GENIAL SURPRISE MAESTRO

Queen Jeanne to be Escorted by Prexy Paul C. Beckman—Examinations Delayed, Promenade Advanced 1 Day.

BY WILL ROLL

Kay Kyser, the "Ole Professor of the Kollege of Musical Knowledge," orchestra leader of intercontinental radio fame and America's number One collegiate favorite, was signed for the 1940 Junior Promenade by Chairman Robert S. Koch in a surprise putsch Wednesday.

This move, widely regarded by campus leaders as marking this season's Prom as the most glamorous since the inception of the function, was so momentous as to hurl the date of the dance one day forward and send the recently-published mid-semester examination list to the doctor. Promenaders will now don their white ties and fragile cor-sages on the evening of Thursday, January 25, and January 27 will see Xavier University students returning to the campus for Saturday sessions for the first time in two years, in order to down the last of the quizzes.

Koch was able to fill his Flor-entine bandstand so favorably through a set of happy circumstances, which include the engagement of Kyser for a week's appearance at Cincinnati's Albee Theatre and Kyser's own personal warm feeling for collegiate social, among whom his orchestra has an unparalleled following.

Ginny And Ish

Kyser's featured cohorts, Ginny Simms and Ish Kabibble, each of his smooth solo-quality instrumentalists, his polished style, singing song titles, famous geniality, and general fun do not need even mention because of their current public-capturing qualities. The committee looks for an attendance to outreach the heyday Proms of the days before this function was confined to the campus for several seasons beginning ten years ago.

Sunny-haired Miss Jeanne Puttmann, daughter of Mrs. Louise Puttmann, Beech Avenue, Price Hill, and sister of Will R. Puttmann, Avondale campus arts senior, will reign jointly with Prom-king Paul C. Beckman, by virtue of her election last Thursday evening at the Evening Division, where she is a first-year student. She attended Seton High School.

Beckman will escort Miss Puttmann to the Promenade, thus shattering several years' precedent and adding another distinctive note to a prominent Prom. The Queen will be crowned by Chairman Koch as the climax of elaborate ceremonies centering about the Grand March, for

which plans are now in preparation.

Because of the maestro's show at the theatre, a late Prom is necessitated, with the starting gun sometime after ten-thirty, according to committeemen.

Pre-Prom ticket sales to students of the Avondale and downtown campi are expected to exhaust the supply shortly after tickets are available. These tickets will enable students to save one dollar over the gate price which will be five dollars.

THEIR MAJESTIES



King Paul C. Beckman



Queen Jeanne Puttmann

DAD'S CLUB DINNER PLANS DISCUSSED

A committee of members of the Dads Club met last Wednesday evening, to discuss plans for the forthcoming Dads Club Dinner. The exact time and place of the affair is not yet known, but in all probability it will be held before Lent. The affair is to be strictly informal and may be followed by a dance to which students will be invited.

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Xavier Mourns—

NEWS OF the sudden death of Profes-
sor John F. Graber came as an un-
timely shock to all students of Xavier.
One who gave untiring and unselfish co-
operation to all students, to his language
classes particularly, has passed from our
midst, but never from our memories.

The word that would aptly character-
ize his work and his promotion of extra-
curricular activities was his utter sincer-
ity in expending his utmost for the stud-
ent. He was above all a gentleman
whose good will toward all his acquaint-
ances and friends, was as a second na-
ture to him.

Our words of sincere sympathy in-
clude those of all students of the Uni-
versity. May God rest his soul.

ONE PARAMOUNT THING to remem-
ber during these trying quiz times is
that one should rely entirely upon his
own knowledge. It is much less embar-
rassing in the long run.

Your Job, Too—

THE SUCCESS of any sizeable under-
taking is most usually pinned upon
the shoulders of one man. And converse-
ly, if it fails, he is the center of every-
one's guilty spotlight of criticism. As a
matter of fact, this situation is so. As a
matter of right reasoning, it is not alto-
gether true.

For an ever so typical example, con-
sider the job of the chairmanship of the
Junior Promenade. To the chairman, as
head of his Prom committee, Xavier stu-
dents look for unqualified cooperation in
their behalf in scheduling a good pro-
gram, contracting a likeable orchestra,
selecting the right Prom Queen, and run-
ning the whole evening with the finesse
of a professional master of ceremonies.

All that Mr. Student considers is his
duty, and in too many instances not, is
that he puts his four dollars on the line,
and be on hand with some dainty fluff
of femininity on the night of the affair.
"Let the prom chairman have all the
worries. I just want to be richly enter-
tained for the evening." This seems to
be the average student's attitude.

What the student fails to understand
is that he must talk up the prom, get
enthusiastic about it himself, so that a
majority of the student body is there to
make the prom a financial success as
well as a successful entertainment. What
most students fail to realize is that they
ultimately are the real "makers" or
"breakers" of a prom. This is definitely
shown in their attitude, and in the num-
ber of their attendance on this "night of
nights" of Xavier's social calendar.

This failure of interest and social sin
of omission is largely responsible for the
fact that perhaps one-third of the stu-
dent body has never in the four years
of university life joined the parade of
school-spirited students going to the
Prom.

Yet these same fellows with this at-
titude expect to join in the parade of the
successful in life, although they are pre-
paring for it by watching it pass into
the dimness of the unknown.

The Prom needs the support of every-
one, both as far as interest and attend-

ance go. We have a necessity of com-
ing to this relaxation, of joining those
who will converge next Friday on the
regal Florentine for 1940's "Dance of a
Century."

Champions All—

NOTHING COULD have done our ad-
mirable football warriors of the past
season more justice than the convivial
football banquet held last week. To our
way of thinking, no adieu could have
been more heart-warming than that giv-
en to the Muskies, who met possibly for
the last time, as a team.

The crowd of over five hundred is
prima facie evidence of the loyalty of
the Xavier football fans, who appreciated
in no weak voices the tremendous spirit
of the team. Securing of Jim Crowley,
head coach of Fordham, as the principal
speaker on this festive dinner occasion
is yet another distinction to be handed
to the committee who arranged the ban-
quet.

As Mr. O'Shaughnessy, the toastmaster,
said in ending the evening: "The '39
football team will be one of the out-
standing landmarks down Xavier's mem-
ory lane. All who pass will not forget
to remember that, either, for you were
champions all."

WE HOPE THAT there are no bold
Robin Hoods in the gathering, which
the committee promises will be large,
for the sophomores' novel "Bow-Tie"
strut tonight, for such "green" men would
be afforded wonderful opportunities of
pulling their infamous "bow-and-apple"
stunt. Let mirth be unconfined, but
not to such an extent. If only the ex-
aminations were that easy a snap.

THE SADDENED LADS.

By Jack Bruder

SO HERE WE SIT, students, with our
chin in our lap, feeling like the Rus-
sian 44th. Yes, it's a mighty sad thought,
this one of returning in February. You
look around for the chap who used to
sleep next to you in Advanced Farming
123, only to discover that in the exam-
ination he put the cart before the horse
and was kicked out of college. Later
you learn that he is earning a cool fif-
teen per, selling garters somewhere. A
snappy life, what? In any event, with
the current emphasis on cramming, the
boys will have less time to jeep about
the Prom band, who, Sam surmises, will
be called, among other things, an unmit-
igated lug whose brass is rusty and
whose drums ought to be along the Mo-
hawk somewhere, exciting the Indians.
Unless of course, our Mr. Kyser is there,
and we were wrong last week. Still,
you can't please anybody — look at
Roosevelt. Roses are red, violets are
blue, Puttmann loves Violet, woo, woo!
The author of the above verse can usual-
ly be reached by dialing WO. 0047 and
asking for "Uum." Setting a precedent
this year, The Promenade King, one
"Beetle" Beckman will not only grand
march it with Queen Jean, but he will
likewise bring the same, and take her
home . . . eventually. However, what
most of the lads miss is the selection of

her highness, Miss Puttmann. There is
an event that makes strong men weep,
and weak men weaker. Visualize this:
balloon games, community singing, cocoa,
cakes, balloting, and pulchritude. Frank-
ly, our representatives Beckman, Gas-
kill, Koch and Siegel are baffled a mite
by this last item, and they might be
right. Friday nite last, "Birds-eye" Linz,
sans flying helmet, parks in front of
Peggy's Grill with Rita to explain the
difference between a head-lock and a
tail-spin. He was understood. Mean-
while, Bill Schrimpf and Charlie Lever-
one, having wasted the evening inhaling
the dust at a nearby skating joint, are
inside feeding Ruthie and Doe malted
milks. The cads! It's also true that the
brighter a man gets, the more he keeps
the girls in the dark. This next is no
joke either: R. T. Schmidt, the number
one nut on Jeanette's wheel, finding
himself out in the cold for a Saturday
evening date, slips over to J's domicile
for a late bit of star-gazing. Sure, it
rained!

His books on the shelf he lay
While life passed light and gay,
But while his mind was drifting
In the exams he was wiffing.

Speaking of gaiety (and who was) The
Dormitory gad-flies, Sweeney John and
Sweeney Joe, Sheetz Paul, Guisinger,

and "Hot Stove" Craffey celebrate Cav-
vy's birthday Saturday, aided by Moun-
tain larks, Eileen, Betty, Mary, Pauline,
and Helen, respectively. Alas, the nine
o'clock curfew took its toll. Then there
was the gal who went to see the fortune
teller, and when he tried to hold her
hand she slapped him with the other, re-
marking "My mother always told me to
strike a happy medium." Get it? Slight-
ly slow on the up-take is Niesen, the
younger, who after three years finally
decides that Phyllis is no slouch, and that
he ought to get in line. She was only a
bar-keeper's daughter, but she could
really mix it up. Yeah! Just to show
the boys that he can take it standing up,
McDermott dates rhythmic Rita Friday,
and should you make the Prom (see page
one) you will see them again, if you
can see. Special for anxious Berna-
dette Bauman: there are still thirteen
more days to get a bid for the Mount
Prom. Step on it, Jeeves, it looks like
a shut-out. Not so, with Art Sheetz
and Doctor Duda who entertain Jerry
and Wilma a week ago tomorrow night,
while Harry Burke entertains himself,
so to speak. And the waitress had just
served a gentleman, who making con-
versation says, "It looks like rain."
"Yes," she replies, dryly, "but it tastes
like soup." Shoot the buck, Herman,
Sam's fading.

THIN SLICES

By Raymond J. Wilson

Minor Sport—

XAVIER HAS CHANCE
TO TAKE HANDICAP
AT HIALEAH PARK

—The Post.

If our jockeys can stay eligible after
the exams.

Hunting—

CAGERS INVADE
GARDEN COURT

—The Post.

What are they after, dandelions or
snap-dragons?

Debate—

Dick Powell who appeared in the city
during the past week told the Times-Star
that he wanted to quit being a juvenile

and do some mature parts. He said:
After all, I'm 35; I'm married; I've got a
couple of kids; even a few gray hairs.
Why don't they let me mature on the
screen.

He told the Post however that "he
longs for the day when it will have just
a touch of gray."

Both papers agreed that he used sac-
charine in his coffee because he was
dieting.

Honor—

We notice that one of the local orches-
tra leaders plans to present a medley of
dance tunes which were popular in rev-
olutionary days in honor of the birthday
of Benjamin Franklin. That's the most
original and the dullest idea we've heard
in months.

FIRE AT WILL . . .

XAVIER PROMENADES next week-
end, and the moths are going to have
to do a bit of looking around for a place
to stay that night, or at least until John-
ny comes marching home, sometime in
the neighborhood of Friday. If what
people say about moths following the
flame is true, the smart ones will come
right along, for the event is going to be
a veritable social bonfire . . . what with
flaming youth behaving like fuels all
over the downtown area, and unnum-
bered persons being burned up for this rea-
son or that one. Mr. John Bruder and
his party undoubtedly will be confined
in their coats, because the pocket space
in evening clothes does not begin to com-
part with that in a uniform, so where
will they put all the glasses they are in
the habit of absconding with? A Mc-
Millan Street establishment still muses
on the same question.

evenin' folks, how y'all

A FEW PEOPLE are itchy about any-
thing which they suspect of having dig-
nity attached to it. For example there
was the horrible example of the senior
who was heard to say, "Oh, I don't want
to go to a formal dance and sit around
as though I were in sackcloth and ash-
es." . . . which a hearer answered neatly,
saying, "Come now lad, your evening
clothes don't look THAT bad."

from kyser's kollege

VERY MANY WERE practicing at this
thing called night life of late in order
to wear perfectly-fitting nonchalance at
this little pahty the Juniors are giving

the Seniors. Even we took a turn about
the town.

glad to see ya, kay

EN ROUTE we encountered three men
from the 124th Field Artillery, who were
teaching three men from the 107 Cav-
alry just what-must be done in order to
become national indoor polo champions.
The men from Chicago retained their
unbeaten record with difficulty, while
the "crowd" maintained its sanity with
equal difficulty . . . Almost as many po-
tential heart-attacks as the Xavier-Ken-
tucky game. Sitting there pulling out
handfuls of hair at every fieldgoal was
W. Puttmann of the Price Hill Puttmanns
suh. When the last chukker was chuk-
ked we fled gasping down to the Carew
Tower's cellar to clear the tanbark from
our throat, and turning around we al-
most hung our coat on the aforemen-
tioned W. P., who had recruited T.
Geoghegan and tiptoed after us.

for our prom

HE'S OUR BET for the man who will
positively be at the Prom, whether the
back doors are locked or not (see page
one).

with ginny and harry

THE SAME TOUR gave us a squint in-
to etymology . . . We are convinced that
a FLOOR show is so called because it is
usually as low as it can be.

and all the gang

FLASH! FLASH, FLASH, FLASH: A
special bulletin from Steady-boy Koch,
chairman, states that inasmuch as the
keynote of the Promenade is smoothness
alllll gates will be well oiled. . .

THOSE MID-YEAR MISERIES



I'm cramming for my Domestic Science exam.

—Joe Swindle

Dr. Connery Is Principal C. S. P. A. Speaker, Feb. 24

Dean O'Sullivan Also Accepts Invitation

A letter of acceptance from Dr. Robert H. Connery, director of the Commission on American Citizenship at the Catholic University of America, indicated that he will be on hand to deliver the principal address at the sectional meeting of the Catholic School Press association which is to take place February 24 at Our Lady of Cincinnati college, the general committee of the event announced early this week.

Other prominent speakers who

have signified their acceptance to address the expected three hundred delegates include Dean J. L. O'Sullivan, head of the Marquette University school of journalism, Milwaukee, and director of the C. S. P. A.

The Rev. Alfred G. Stritch, professor of St. Gregory's seminary, Cincinnati, and also at O. L. C. and Dr. Earl Harlan of the English department of Mount St. Joseph's College have also accepted invitations to speak. Archbishop John T. McNicholas and Bishop George J. Rehring have also been invited.

Student journalists and faculty

advisors to their publications of both high schools and colleges within a two-hundred mile radius of Cincinnati have been sent letters explaining the purpose of the convention and urging early registration.

The general theme of the conference, "Man and the State," will be carried throughout general sessions and round-table discussions of the one-day gathering. The tentative program will open with Mass in the chapel of Our Lady of Cincinnati College. All sessions of the convention are to be held on the campus, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated after the final session. After this, a banquet at the Hotel Alms, with the principal address by Dr. Connery, will close activities.

25 Pct. Credit Hour Increase At Eve. School

The first semester of the University Evening Division was characterized by a gain of twenty-five percent in the academic load or total number of credit hours taken by all students, Dean John C. Malloy, S. J., reported early in the week.

The student enrollment shows an increase of five percent as compared with the twenty percent increase which the Evening Division had during the past four years.

Father Malloy called attention to the second semester courses opening on January 25. He said that certificate, diploma, and degree programs are offered. In addition, there are programs of organized study and training in accounting, business administration, and secretarial work which qualify men and women for positions in the business world.

Registration for the second semester is now in progress each day at the Offices of the Evening Division, 520 Sycamore St. Approximately forty courses will receive new students.

Death Comes To Xavier Professor of German

Mr. John F. Graber, professor of German for ten years at Xavier University, died at the Medical Arts Hospital in New York City, Saturday, January 13th. While vacationing there at the home of his sister during the Christmas holidays, he suddenly fell ill and was sent to the hospital. At press time, however, the cause of his death was not known. The burial was held by relatives, Tuesday in Milwaukee.

Mr. Graber was born in 1880 in a small village in Switzerland, and at the age of ten years he immigrated with his parents to the United States. Here the Graber family settled in the fertile lake country of Wisconsin along with other Swiss immigrants.

The extensive educational career of Mr. Graber started with his graduation from Appleton High School in 1898. In 1903 he acquired a Bachelor of Philosophy degree from the University of Wisconsin, and seven years later the title of a Master of Philosophy from the same institution.

Having garnered a practical basis for his knowledge, Mr. Graber obtained a liberal one in touring the United States and in sojourning abroad. While in Europe, further study was added at the universities of Paris and Sorbonne. Returning to America, he attended the University of Chicago.

He started his teaching profession at his Alma Mater, Appleton High School and then continued at La Grange High School in Illinois, and at St. Thomas College, Scranton, Pa.

Professor Graber's highest honors came during the years 1918 to 1920 while he was employed at the Mayo Clinical Institute. His official capacity was translator of books written by German scientists.

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The above faculty members of Kay Kyser's College, left to right, Ed Kahlhoe, Billy Mason, and Harry Babbitt, will round out the Prom program at the "Dance of the Century" next Thursday in the stately Florentine.

The grid schedule for the 1940 Musketeers shapes up quite formidably with the appearance of three new teams — Butler, Ohio Wesleyan, and John Carroll.

Butler surprised the experts this season with a 14-12 win over the Bobcats of Ohio University. The Bishops from Wesleyan with a flock of good sophomore came through an 11 game schedule to rank among the Buckeye leaders in 1939.

And John Carroll, Jesuits up-state school, tallied a 6-0 win over Western Reserve last fall by virtue of a last minute pass by Steve Polachek. It was this same Polachek who, after attending Xavier for a semester in 1937, was farmed out for further scholastic seasoning.

The first showing of the X pugilists gave evidence of a lack of experience. With a little more training Jimmy Schlank's proteges could have reversed the decision. We'll be waiting for the Kentucky match here next month when the X boys are in trim.

An added feature of the match was the exhibition bout between Ray Steigerwald, Muskies frosh flyweight and Golden Glove champ, and a 6' 1" freshman ring prospect. By catching blows with his arms and elbows and dancing rings around his towering opponent, Ray thrilled the fans with some real boxing finesse. And we hear some of the boys brought back some Kentucky greenbacks from this upset.

It took this column a whole season to hit upon a prediction, but we finally landed. When we stated (in the Dec. 8th issue) that the grid captaincy would end up in the right end slot, we considered Litzinger as the logical man because of his ability, cool-headedness, and spirit.

Evidently the Xavier lettermen shared this opinion. Congratulations, Boze, and Good Luck.

We note that the St. Joe Pumas, who double-checked X this year by 36-33 and 46-40 scores, were runners-up in the recent Indiana Intercollegiate tournament staged at Bloomington, Ind. They surrendered the title to Illinois Wesleyan in the finals by the count of 36-37. Two of the Pumas, Hoffman and Mosser, were named on the all-tourney team.

Neil Mosser, who was the whole show in the game at Xavier, is ranked second among Indiana's bucket-tossers with a total of 97 points.

Off the court: The X team succeeded in check-mating Ohio U's ace, Baumholtz, last week when he garnered 11 points for his lowest total. However, the Muskies were beaten by one of the best exhibitions of foul shooting shown against them in a long time when the Bobcats clicked on 21 throws from the charity line out of 25 attempts. Captain Al Geselbracht is leading the Blue net-swishers with 97 points in the 12 tilts to date. Ed Baroody, Ohio Wesleyan center, has the unique record of 98 points scored and 99 fouls called against him.

Seniors And Mellos Lead In I-M Play

All Scorers Blunt Leads

The Senior Scientists led by their ace, Bill Puttman with 9 points, went into a tie for first place with a 21-11 win over the Frosh Wonders this week.

The Revelers with Monohan and Kopp racking up 19 points between them swarmed over the Nomad team by a 26-7 count.

Dorm Results

In the closest contest of the week the Pappy Shooters tallied over the Assassins, 12-10. Nicolai for the victors and Janning for the losers starred.

Nurre netted 11 markers to send his Coon Hunter squad out in front of the Baskerville Hounds by a 23-12 score.

The second round of the Dorm League competition this week included two games. The first was a ding-dong defensive fray that went to the Iron Men over the Ma's Boys outfit, 13-12. Stamm and Beck were the point-makers for the winners while Dick Shay and Art Sheetz were best for Ma's Boys.

Leading Scorers

The Mellopajivers slipped a win over on the Porky Pines to the tune of 45-23, to hold on to first place. John Sweeney's lads couldn't cope with the offensive thrusts of the Mello's Blunt and Gladstone.

The leading scorers (incl. games of Jan. 16):

Day League	
Puttman (Senior Sc.)	16
Sheeran (Nomads)	14
Nurre (Hunters)	13
Kopp (Revelers)	12
Monohan (Revelers)	10
Schneider (Hounds)	10
Nicolai (Pappy's)	10

Dorm League	
Blunt (Mello)	26
Gladstone (Mello)	21
Harpring (Porky)	16
Sheetz, P. (Mello)	16
Stamm (Iron Men)	15
Paletti (Iron Men)	11
Lucas (Porky's)	11
Beck (Iron Men)	11
Shay (Ma's Boys)	10
Sheetz (Ma's Boys)	10
Duda (Mello)	10

Pistol Squad Accepts Match With Army

The Pistol team during the last week received and accepted a challenge for a pistol match with the pistoliers of the United States Military Academy, according to a report from Coach Sgt. Fletcher. This match with the Army will be fired on Feb. 18.

The season for the pistol squad does not begin until the early part of February, but some of the regulars have been hitting the target with mid-season accuracy. Charley King, junior regular, and Jim Rees, two year veteran, have been leading the parade.

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The annual football banquet has come and gone, bringing back with it memories of great teams of the past and speculation on next year's teams. . . The banquet was attended by all the old grads who had any of the traditional Musketeer spirit and believe me, those at the dinner had spirit or spirits! . . . We thought the high spot of hilarity was reached when, after a speaker had said that a compatriot of his would be the day-mayor and he would be the night-mayor, a voice rose up "You'd make a good 'night-mare'". . . Nor were we, or the rest of those present, disappointed in Sleepy Jim's speech. It was tops.

The selection of Ed Kluska as this year's member of the Le- (Continued on Page 5)

Banquet Is Attended By Over 500

Xavier's 1939 football season was officially brought to an end January 11, 1940, with the annual football banquet held at Hotel Gibson, with over five hundred persons in attendance.

Jim Crowley, head coach at Fordham and former teammate of Clem Crowe at Notre Dame, was the principal speaker and presented a highly interesting talk to assembled friends of Xavier.

'40 Schedule

During the speaking part of the banquet Athletic Director Clem Crowe announced the 1940 football schedule as follows: Sept. 21 is open; Sept. 28, University of Kentucky there. Oct. 6, St. Joseph's here, Oct. 12, Butler at Indianapolis, October 20, St. Vincents here, October 27, John Carroll here, Nov. 2, Ohio Wesleyan here, Nov. 9, University of Dayton at Dayton, Nov. 16, Marshall at Huntington, and Ohio University here on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 21.

Pius "Boze" Litzinger was elected to the captaincy by the football lettermen. He will replace Paul Sheetz as the leader of the Musketeer.

Ed Kluska, great end, was presented the annual Legion of Honor award by Dan Tehan, representative of the organization.

Lettermen

Other speakers at the banquet were Mayor James G. Stewart; Vice-Mayor Ed Waldvogel; Rev. Dennis F. Burns; Clem Crowe; Jack Dreyer; Kenny Jordan; Rev. Edward J. Bracken; Paul Sheetz; and Boze Litzinger.

Varsity members of the squad who were presented letters are: Roland Bergameyer, Andy Craftey, Don Hacker, John Hanser, Norbert Harpring, Robert Himmeler, Charles Kelly, Ed Kluska, William Kopp, Charles Lavelle, Gabriel Litzinger, John Lucas, Joe McDaniel, James Rees, Gene Schwetchnau, Art Sheetz, Paul Sheetz, Irving Slaterry, Bill Thompson, Jack Vissman, and Nick Weiler.

Blue And White Boxers Are Topped By U. K.

Blue Bows To Flyer Quintet

Sloppy Play Marks Tilt

In one of the sloppiest basketball showings of the season the Musketeers outdid the Dayton Flyers in bad passing, rough defensive tactics, and wild shooting to lose to the Dayton team, 29-44, last Tuesday.

Showing a complete reversal of form from that shown against Kentucky and Tennessee, the Blue and White net aggregation went up against a team that had won but two out of nine encounters and lost.

At the end of the rough-and-tumble first half the two teams were tied at 17-all, chiefly through the conversion of the numerous fouls called on both teams.

The Musketeers, handicapped by the absence of Capt. Al Geselbracht could not get up enough steam for an offense and Dayton surged ahead to a 39-23 lead in the early stage of the final half. This attack was sparked by Froendhoff, diminutive guard, and Dayton's left-handed forward, Kavanaugh, who was high point man with 13 tallies.

Jim Vaughn with three buckets and three free throws and Bill Gates with eight points topped the Muskies scorers.

The loss was the fifth out of six road encounters for Xavier and leaves them with a record for the season of four wins and nine defeats.

The box score:

Xavier	F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Thumann, f.	1	0	2
Gates, g.	3	2	8
Kluska, f.	0	0	0
Russ, f.	0	0	0
Vaughn, c.	3	3	9
Himmeler, g.	1	2	4
Litzinger, g.	2	2	6
TOTALS	10	9	29

Dayton	F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Kavanaugh, f.	8	1	13
Westendorf, f.	2	2	6
Winkeljohn, c.	4	2	10
Zwiesler, g.	1	1	3
Froendhoff, g.	4	0	8
McCloskey, g.	0	4	4
Ketter, g.	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	10	44

Dean Addresses Booklovers Club

The January meeting of the Booklovers Club was held last Wednesday afternoon in the lobby of the Biology Building. A belated report on the November card party and also one on the Club's Christmas party were rendered. The guest speaker for the afternoon was the Rev. John J. Benson, S. J., dean of the Arts College, who spoke on the topic, "The Catholic School and Modern Democracy." Father Benson's talk was followed by refreshments and a social hour.

Conver Cops Close Decision

The debut of the 1940 Musketeer boxing squad saw the boys in Blue fall before the Kentucky team by a 5-2 count at Lexington last Monday.

The Xavier team showed the effects of the short training period and with four inexperienced men in the line-up were no match for the Wildcats at this stage of the season.

In the best performance of the evening Milt Conver, X sophomore light heavy, slugged out a decision over Kentucky's Tom Zinn. Zinn earlier in the year waded through the ranks of Kentucky intramural fighters to win the I-M heavyweight title.

Forfeit

The other Muskies point came from a forfeit by Ky. to Jim Rees, Blue heavyweight champ. Last year Rees posted two wins in the two Wildcat matches.

In the middleweight division Xavier's Paul Sheetz, grid captain, dropped a close verdict to Andy Slatts, who is completing his third year on the 'Cat glove team. Sheetz in his first start showed a good right hand punch but lacked the experience of his opponent.

The welter weight representative from Xavier, Charley Marqua, put on a good battle with Ky's Chambers but ended up on the short end of the decision. Chambers put on a whirlwind finish to take the nod.

Knockout

In the lightweight bout Posey, Wildcat battler, put away Lee Seitz, Muskies lighty, in the second round with a barrage of right handed blows.

Kentucky's Bob Smith racked up a technical knockout over Bob Cahill, X 125-pounder, in the third. Cahill held the 'Cat fighter on even terms until he tired in the final round.

ESSAY CONTEST DETAILS GIVEN

Full particulars of the annual Military Essay Contest sponsored by the National Defense Committee were revealed during the week by the Military Department. Prize money of \$25 will be awarded for the best essays on the topic: "In view of the current international situation, should the United States strengthen its National Defense."

All essays must be of a two thousand word minimum and are to be submitted by March 15 to Major Arthur M. Harper, Professor of Military Science and Tactics. Any Xavier ROTC student is eligible for the competition.

Last year the first prize of \$20 was won by Philip K. Horrigan with the second place money going to Robert G. Kissel. The topic was: "The Value of ROTC Training in National Defense."

Xavier Cage Team Encounters High Scoring Duet Of Foes In Home Contests

Marshall To Show Star Pivot

Tonight the Blue hoopsters return to their home floor for the first time in two weeks as they go up against Marshall's cagers. The next game is also a home tilt with Toledo showing here on Saturday night, January 27.

The Herd net squad, who split a double feature with Toledo's Rockets, are one of the prize quintets of the down-state district. The West Virginians employ a fast breaking system and are noted for their aggressive type of basketball.

Rivlin Pivot Man

Coach Cam Henderson has built up his quintet around his stellar pivot man, Julius Rivlin, a landmark in Herd basketball. In the guard posts the Big Green will have Capt. Yost Cunningham, and Aldo Paletti, who returned to the regular line up this season after a two year lapse due to an injury.

The forwards are taken care of by Marshall's "M" boys, McCloud and Morecraft. Morecraft is only a sophomore but has been the kingpin in the Green offense all year.

In the Toledo tilt on the 27th of January the Muskies will wade into one of the top flight Ohio aggregations. Playing out a strenuous 30 game schedule including a sextet of double bills, the high scoring Rockets have rung up 10 out of 12 contests in the won column so far.

Gerber High Scorer

Among the victims of Toledo five are Iowa's Big Ten hopefuls, Marshall, University of Cincinnati, and Baldwin-Wallace. The two losses at the hands of Princeton and Marshall.

The successful campaign of the up-staters has come as a result of a high scoring offensive ma-

chine.

Out in the front among Ohio scorers is Bob Gerber, lanky pivot man who is filling the shoes of Toledo's great Chuckovits. Gerber, who registered 145 points in the first 10 games, is also a whiz on retrieving balls off the blackboard.

Strong Forwards

Capt. Pat Hintz, Marshall Carlson, and Frank Clemens, who tallied 29 points in earlier fray, present a strong array of forwards. Bob Nash, outstanding Rocket defense man, and Bart Quinn are teamed up at guards and have put a minimum on opponents point totals.

Following the Toledo game the Muskies are idle until Feb. 3 when they invade Detroit to tangle with the Detroit U's. basketballers.

Oratorical Preliminaries Held—Many Participate

Preliminary speeches for the annual Washington Oratorical contest were given yesterday in Room 10 before a committee of faculty judges. These talks consisted of three minute extemporaneous speeches on general subjects.

Finals of this annual event will be held on February 15 in the Mary G. Lodge Reading Room. Here finalists will vie for the Alumni Medal which is valued at twenty-five dollars. This award is being restyled this year and is to be put on display in a few days. It is well to note also that the winner is usually the guest speaker at a St. Patrick's Day dinner sponsored by the Irish Fellowship Club.

Last year's winner was Philip K. Horrigan, a Freshman.

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gion of Honor hit the mark exactly . . . Ed was the hardest worker on the squad last fall and at no time was he out of condition because of "extra curricular" activities . . . All during the season he was hampered by a bad knee and shoulder, yet at the end of the season he was not content to rest, but insisted on being allowed to come out for basketball . . . Legionaire Kluska, we salute you! . . . The election of Boze Litzinger to the football captaincy was another able selection by the football team . . . Boze will be a great leader to urge the Blue and White on to greater glories on the gridiron.

Monday night Xavier's boxing squad lost to Kentucky's by a 5-3 decision . . . Jim Rees, and Milt Conner both won as did Ray Steigerwald, but he was fighting an exhibition match . . . Jim's piston right was working well, and blasted his opponent out of the ring . . . Milt Conner showed remarkable boxing ability as he outpointed his opponent even though the odds as quoted by Kentucky adherents were two to one against him . . . Ray Steigerwald was as clever as ever and should be a big help to the team next year . . . In the matches we lost the important factor was inexperience and by February 12, when Kentucky comes up here, we should be able to have a balanced squad.

After looking over the football schedule as presented by C. C. C. at the banquet we can see that there is some hard work ahead of the brawney ones . . . The addition of John Carroll is apt to please a few of the faculty and they'll be out in the stands urging us on to victory . . . The reason Toledo was dropped was that the two schools couldn't get together on a date . . . Butler ought to prove a tough nut to crack, especially at home.

Chatter—Bert Robben will

open up against Toledo the 27th of the month . . . Kentucky probably will stop boxing after this year as the Southeastern conference has dropped it as an intercollegiate sport . . . Spring practice will start the middle of next month . . . The open dates on the 1940 football schedule, if it is scheduled, will be filled by a small college, name unknown as yet . . . We hope that we don't get a set-up like St. Mary's of Texas . . . At least eight games have already been scheduled for the baseball team which will begin workouts the first of March.

Dean Attends Convention Of Colleges

Academic Questions And NYA Changes Discussed

A convention of the Association of American Colleges held last Thursday and Friday in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, was attended by Rev. John J. Benson, S. J., dean of Xavier University. Father Benson stated that three important questions were discussed at the convention. One was the question of academic freedom of tenure. Another discussion centered about the possibility of old age pensions for faculty members. However, if this plan becomes a reality, it is feared that private schools and colleges will be subject to taxation. The committee in charge of this question asked for more time to investigate the matter.

A session of the convention was also addressed by Aubrey Williams concerning the National Youth Administration. He stated that it is possible that the programs will be extended over a twelve month period to enable students to work during the vacation period. He also stated that a fifteen million dollar reduction in N. P. A. allotments would occur next year.

RETREAT MASTERS ANNOUNCED

Frs. Hamill And Walsh Will Conduct Services

Two widely known Jesuit speakers are to conduct the annual retreat here beginning Monday, January 29. They are the Rev. Ignatius Hamill, S. J., of Detroit, and the Rev. Joseph Walsh, S. J., of the Milford division of this university.

Father Hamill, by virtue of the fact that he is the superior of the Mission Band of the middle west, is famous as a retreat master throughout the nation.

Father Walsh, professor of classical languages at Milford, is well acquainted with the problems of the students in this area. Father Walsh studied at Cambridge University, England.

The sessions of the last few years have been well attended by non-Catholic students, who are again cordially invited to participate in the benefits of the services. The retreat is obligatory for all Catholic students.

The senior and junior students will meet in Room 47, while the sophomore and freshman will assemble in Bellarmine Chapel.

"Our retreat gives the students a chance to fully consider their own life and God, and allows them to put aside all books and examine their spiritual standing," said the Rev. John J. Benson, dean of the arts college.

Father Benson, who is arranging the retreat, announced the daily program for exercises. The schedule for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is as follows:

Morning: 9:00—Mass, Instruction.

10:30—Lecture.

Afternoon: 12:30—Way of the Cross.

1:45—Instruction, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

2:40—Dismissal.

On Thursday morning all students will participate in a general Holy Communion, with the Papal Blessing. Following there will be registration for all senior and junior students.

Private conferences with the retreat masters may be made by appointment.

U. C. Professor Gives Lecture To Biologists

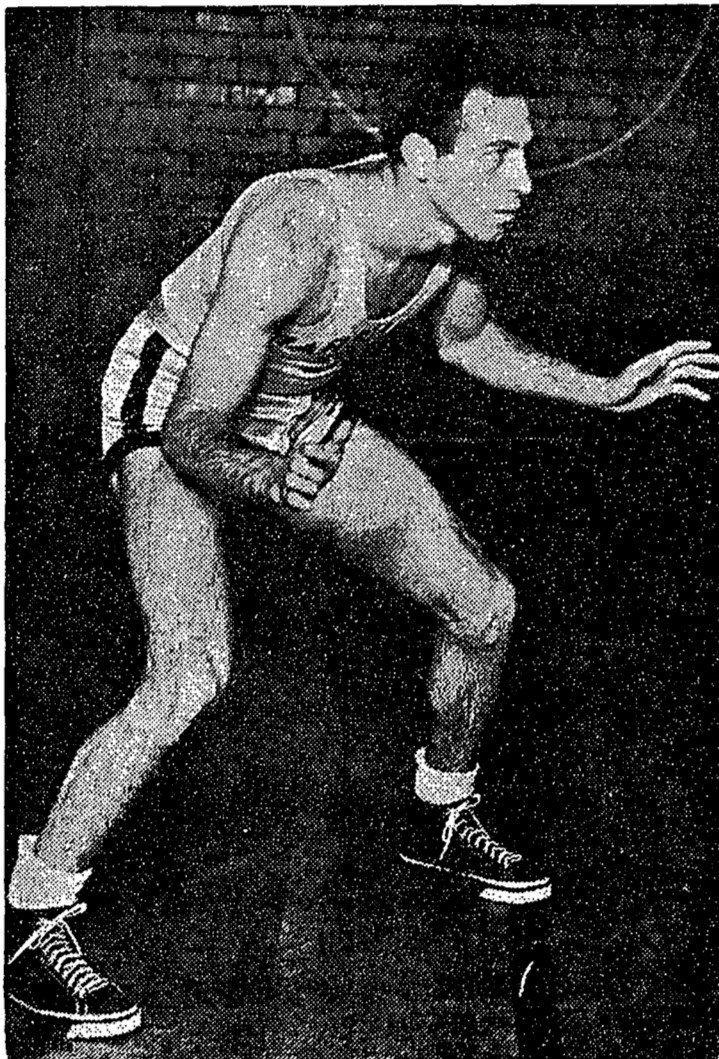
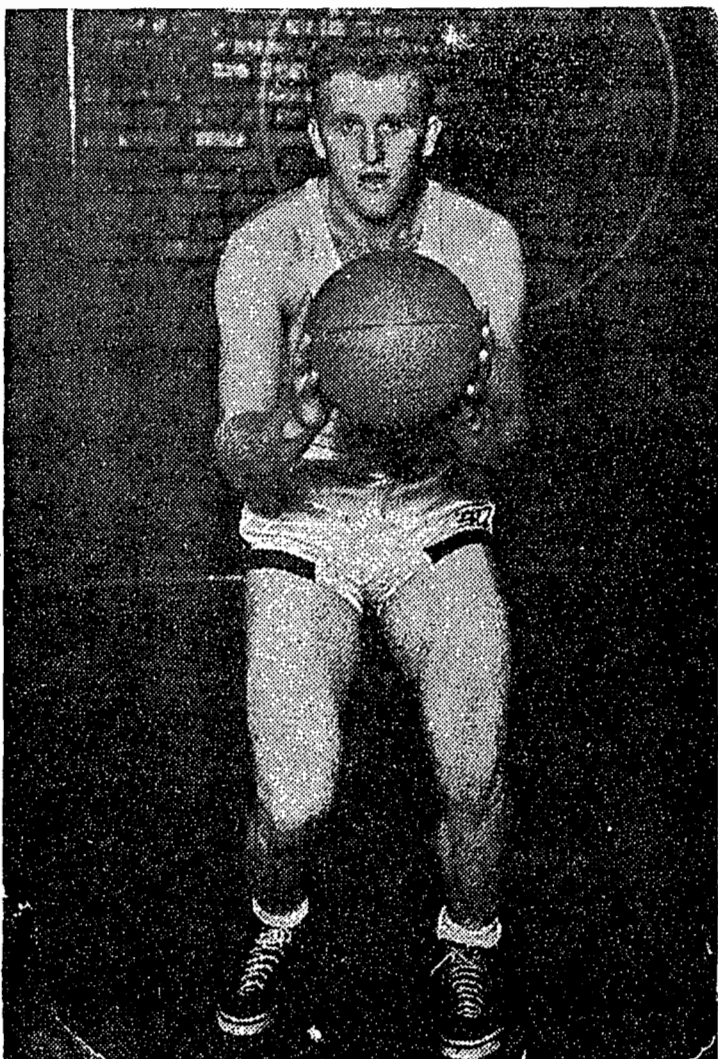
Dr. Charles K. Weichert, associate professor of Biology at the University of Cincinnati, was scheduled to address the members of the Biology Club, January 18th, James J. Clear, president of the student group, announced Monday.

Dr. Weichert's lecture will be on endocrinology and will be a repetition of a recent lecture he delivered before the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Cleveland, Clear stated.

In his work of endocrinology Dr. Weichert uses rats as experimental animals and in his lectures he utilizes stereopticon slides made from photographs taken during different phases of the experiments.

The meeting, open to all Xavier students interested in biology, was to be held in the Biology Building lecture hall. Professor of Biology James C. Perry is faculty adviser of the club.

To Lead Marshall Offensive Against Muskies Tonight



Joe Morecraft, soph scoring ace, and Julius Rivlin, veteran center, are the chief Marshall threats in the Herd-Xavier game tonight.

Fiery Destruction Of St. Xavier Church Related

Cause of 1882 Conflagration Still Remains Mystery

[Editor's note: This is the second of a series of articles, written by Father Manning, to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the Jesuit regime at Xavier.]

By Robert E. Manning, S. J.

II.

Arson Or Accident?

One morning in 1882, during Holy Week, a priest of the College, returning from a convent where he had just said Mass, was passing through the vestibule of St. Xavier Church. The new bells were being raised to the towers, and he noticed several strangers standing around watching the work. He heard one of them remark, "You can bet those bells will never ring."

On Holy Thursday three men entered the church and asked for the Brother Sacristan. They wished him to show them around, they said, and explain the significance of the Repository, brilliant with lights, before which some parishioners were kneeling. At least, two of them did. The third was seen to slip quietly away and mount the stairs above the choir loft to the tower.

Fire Breaks Out

That night, shortly before one o'clock, a disastrous fire broke out in the church.

In his room above the sacristy the Brother who had care of the church had retired about midnight. He woke to find his room filled with smoke and the glare of fire coming through a window which looked out upon the main altar. The priests in the Athenaeum were hurriedly aroused, and Fathers Baselmans and William Poland rushed into the church and rescued the Blessed Sacrament. The large altar was in flames.

From across the street, the fire department, the Fours, as they were called, came dashing over at the first alarm. As yet there was no sign of fire about the exterior of the building, but one of the men later said, "A strange light glowed within the rosette window, and it looked like a full red moon when rising over Mt. Adams."

Ceiling Collapses

The Fours broke open the front door and were dragging the hose toward the altar just as the ceiling and rafters collapsed, forcing them to retreat from the falling debris. Tongues of fire were now seen darting

Seminary Aid Party On Feb. 3

Plans for the annual Seminary Aid Card Party, which is to be given by the parishioners of Belarmine Chapel, for the benefit of the Jesuits at Milford, are being rapidly formulated, announced the Rev. Patrick A. Troy, S. J., pastor.

The affair is to be held on Saturday afternoon and evening, February 3, in the Mary G. Lodge Reading room in the library building at Xavier University.

A cordial invitation to attend the party is extended to all Xavier students, said Mrs. Edward G. Becker, chairman of the event, and her co-chairman, Mrs. William H. Helmick.

The committee promises an enjoyable time for everyone.

along the edges of the roof, and they grew larger till soon the entire building was ablaze.

Confined by the stone walls the flames roared up through the tower, which served as a flue, and poured forth in volumes from its windows, lighting the whole eastern part of the city. The cupola became red-hot and, the bells and clock melting, the glare was streaked with colored pillars of fire.

Sadness Reigns

Meanwhile a great crowd had gathered, and all eyes were fixed on the cross above the tower. It was hoped the sacred symbol would withstand the conflagration. But it too was doomed. After a little, it swayed, quivered for an instant, toppled from its base, and fell with a loud crash into the fiery abyss, sending up a shower of sparks that flew to the dark heavens like stars. A cry of pain rose from the spectators as it fell. But across the street a drunken devil looked out from a saloon and seeing the downfall of the symbol of Christianity waved his cap in the air and cried out with shouts of delight. He was seized by the shoulders and hustled back into the den, or the crowd would have mobbed him.

The Jesuit community had assembled in the schoolyard and stood gazing in dismay at the great disaster. Saddest of all was the old pastor, Father Driscoll. Sympathizing neighbors tried to console him and one, Patrick Poland, gave him a check that same night for \$2,000 toward a new church.

On Good Friday morning, at the usual hour for services, people from the borders of the parish, not knowing what had occurred, came and found the church in ruins. Rain was pouring from the skies but many of them knelt in the street to do reverence and to weep before the fallen cross.

Contributions

It was a gloomy Easter for priests and people. Dense crowds of men, women, and children stood all day long in front of the unsightly pile left by the holocaust—"a sad spectacle," a contemporary relates, "to see the faces of the people as they gazed upon the shattered tower, the charred portals, and the blackened rafters of the building which but two days before had been a beautiful sanctuary, a veritable haven of rest to many a weary soul."

Soon however, contributions began pouring in, not only from the city but from the rest of Ohio and from other states, from Protestants and infidels. The priests of the diocese, the religious orders, the children of the parochial schools, all did what they could, some even begging from door to door. Bishop Elder urged the Jesuits to have confidence and to rebuild.

New Church

Within a year the new church was completed. It was dedicated on the feast of the Ascension, May 3, 1883. The Daily Times-Star wrote of it: "The interior is grand. The pillars are graceful, the arches and vaults all interwoven and kept harmonious. There is no heavy or depressing effect as has been truly said of the old church. St. Xavier's has the proportions and features which, combined, produce a grand effect and give a very atmosphere of worship. Many greater churches of this order in Europe are less impressive on

the mind of the beholder that is St. Xavier's."

The origin of the fire remained a mystery. About a week previous a violent anti-Catholic society had been exposed in the city, and though it was far from the thoughts of the priests to accuse the members of this organization yet some of the parishioners working with them in

the factories had heard strange remarks, as "there will be fun in your church tomorrow"—remarks which at the time they did not understand but which they later reported to the Fathers. Father James O'Meara, who was on the faculty of the College in those days and who has left on account of the affair, tells of finding at the top of the

winding stairs to the tower a small iron disk which could have held an explosive. He believes it was placed there by the stranger who ascended to the tower on Holy Thursday morning.

Be that as it may, the present St. Xavier Church, larger and more beautiful, rose, phoenix-like, from the ashes of the old.

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